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FOR SECRETARY AGRICULTURE BERGLAND

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: FAO, OCON
SUBJECT: FAO CONFERENCE: SECRETARY BERGLANDS'S SPEECH

1. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING DURING PAST FEW WEEKS AS WE LISTENED TO OTHER DELS' VIEWS AND QUESTIONS, BOTH AT FALL SESSION OF CFA AND AT RECENT OCT 21 MEETING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL REPS, KIND OF ISSUES TO WHICH YOU MIGHT GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION IN YOUR ADDRESS TO FAO CONFERENCE. THIS MESSAGE ENUMERATES WHAT WE CONSIDER TO BE PRIME MATERIAL WHICH WE THINK YOUR ADDRESS SHOULD ENCOMPASS.

2. FIRST OF ALL, WE BELIEVE THAT ADDRESS SHOULD BE PLACED IN CONTEXT OF EVOLVING POSTURE OF ADMINISTRATION TOWARD DEVELOPMENT POLICY, DRAWING ON OUTCOME OF DCC, RESULTS TO DATE OF DELIBERATIONS OF YOUR INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE, THRUST OF RECENT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, ESPECIALLY AMENDMENTS TO TITLE-III OF PL-480, AND RELATIONSHIP TO THIS THRUST OF AUG 29 SET ASIDE AND EMERGENCY RESERVE ANNOUNCEMENT AND DELIBERATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL FACTORS WHICH WNET INTO THAT. DISCUSSION OF FOREGOING WOULD TAKE SUBSTANTIAL PART OF WHAT SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 30-
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MINUTE SPEECH. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CURRENT U.S. POLICY, AND VERY LITTLE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT IMPORTANT CHANGES IN TITLE-III. YOUR ADDRESS COULD DO MUCH TO SET STRAIGHT KEY AUDIENCE FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

2. IN THE FIELD OF IMPLEMENTATIONS OF OUR POLICY, THERE

WILL BE INTEREST IN U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS INTL WHEAT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS, U.S. RESPONSE TO LATEST MANIFESTATIONS OF SAHEL CRISIS, AND, IMPORTANTLY, U.S. VIEW AS TO HOW ITS CURRENT OBJECTIVES, AND ESPECIALLY ANY INITIATIVES EMANATING FROM THE BOURNE COMMITTEE, MESH WITH THE PRESENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE FAO. HOPEFULLY, THESE CAN BE TRACED IN BROAD AND POSITIVE LINES, INCLUDING A MENTION OF OUR EMERGENCY AGREEMENT TO FUND A \$30 MILLION SAHEL PEST CONTROL PROJECT FAO WILL ADMINISTER. THE DEGREE OF EMPHASIS PLACED ON THIS SHOULD CORRESPOND TO DEGREE OF SUCCESS WE WILL HAVE HAD BY THEN IN PLACING DG'S PROPOSED PHL FUND ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. IF DG IS NOT WILLING TO REACH REASONABLE COMPROMISE IN THIS AREA, WE SHOULD THEN AVOID PLAYING UP THIS IMPORTANT AGREEMENT AS AN EXAMPLE FOR FUTURE.

4. ADDRESS NEED NOT GO INTO DETAILS OF OTHER ISSUES BEFORE THE CONFERENNH AS WE WILL BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THESE INSTATEMNTS IN THE COMMISSIONS. HOWEVER, IN KEEPING WITH THRUST OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS OCT 4 TO SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE TO CARE IN AVOIDING DUPLICATION AND APPROPRIATE COORDINATION OF INPUTS INTO DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, BOTH BI-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL, ESPECIALLY AT COUNTRY LEVEL, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

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5. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT OF U.S. POLICY AT TIMELY MOMENT, AND WE WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH COMMENT ON ANY EARLY DRAFTS. GARDNER

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